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THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and the Administration, have been brought under heavy criticism for their tardiness in agreeing to a summit conference. The criticism has come from foreign capitals as well as from U. S. sources.

We have no objection to a summit conference, but feel that there is no point in having such unless there is a reasonable chance for its success. If conditions are demanded that we cannot, and will not accept, we could "lose face" in a propaganda battle which pinned the failure of a conference upon us. For example, we are interested in the unification of Germany, in security in the Middle East and Far East, and in freedom within the Balkans. To arouse world hopes for a meeting of minds on such problems, only to have disappointment, would do us no good, and the world no good. So, we feel that the Administration is justified in exploring all avenues for concrete accomplishments ere a positive call is given for a summit conference.

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THE FRUSTRATION ABSURDITY

It is a mistake to attribute all criminal instincts to frustration over social or economic status, but it is becoming quite a habit with social workers to explain the criminal acts of individuals upon the thesis that all crime originates from some inequality in the social order.

This obviously leads us to the conclusion, if some sociologists are correct, that the way to abolish crime is to give everybody what they want. Make everybody equal, in social, political, and economic status.

This is an absurd thesis. There are individuals in all levels of society who commit crimes. We believe that many of these crimes are committed by those who are unwilling to accept the discipline of an orderly society, and are reluctant to work for what they get.

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TOUGH AT 83

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer of West Germany is one of the world's great statesmen. It must be remembered that he resisted Nazi-ism when the tide of that movement was sweeping strongly through has native country, and tied closely by many to nationalism and patriotism. He suffered, personally, as a result of his courage and determination.

Now, as the leader of West Germany's fifty million persons, he is under heavy pressure in his own country again. Certain people in that county oppose Adenauer's decision to accept nuclear arms. As the reader probably knows, the greatest single point of pressure being brought to bear on West Germany, is the threat that unification will never be allowed by Russia unless the Germans refuse to become an ally of the West. The West Germans, of course, are already allies of the West and are, in fact, members of the North Atlantic Treaty Alliance organization. On the other hand, the West Germans have not yet become a nuclear weapon base to any extent. In the face of all those problems, the 83-year-old Adenauer is remaining firm as our friend. It is well to have such friend in one of the problem areas of the world.

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HOW TO EDUCATE YOURSELF

Conscious of their lack of training, some people bemoan the lost days and sink into a state of semi-ignorance, making no effort to become better informed. We would call attention to the fact that there are only two requisites to a good education — reading and thinking.

There is no person in Appomattox County, who cannot become well informed in a few years by intelligent reading, supplemented by a little thinking. Stop the habit of asking your opinions from anybody and begin trying to study some problems for the purpose of making up your own mind.

To the individual who does not know where to start, we would suggest beginning on a subject in which you are interested. If it is a technical subject that entrances your imagination, ask advice from some person who knows something about it. Buy a reliable book on the subject, and read it until you understand it.

It is amazing what can be accomplished by developing the habit of some some time each and every day to self-improvement. Results can be secured; the pathway is one of decision and determination.

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WHAT ABOUT COLLEGE?

Schools will soon be closing, and a number of young people will go into the business of making money. Too many will stop their scholastic training at the end of high school days, without realizing the tremendous advantages that will come to them by pursuing their way through college.

The Times-Virginian does not hold that every boy and girl should go to college. But, let us urge that all students who will complete their high school course this session, give serious consideration to the opportunities available for continued training and attainment. The right institution, and the right personal application will make a difference in life

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Most people overvalue compliments and undervalue constructive criticism.

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The best way to accumulate money is to save some of what you are now masking.

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Family mystery: How junior can know his lessons, when he never looks at his books.

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The truth hurts people who do not like to face facts.

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If you have two real friends, you have a good batting average.

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The law is a great thing when it coincides with your interests.

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People tire easily when they are doing something they dislike.

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In case of doubt, don't borrow and don't lend.

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Sunshine friends come easy when you are successful.

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Planning is important, both in the lives of individuals and the lives of nations. Never let anyone fool you about this matter.

To be popular, one has to continually praise everything and everybody, even though the praise usually isn't warranted.

Hixburg

Hixburg, April 7.- The sly old fox missed his guess on Saturday about the little Red Hen for an Easter feast. On Friday, he came boldly up behind the Ed McPhillips house, snatched a young hen and ran swiftly from sight.

The turkeys were smarter. They flew up into a tree.

After losing twenty hens to the crafty fox, Charlie Williams, who raises chickens at the McPhillips home, decided that it would be more profitable to lose a day from work than to continue to have his young pullets stolen.

Therefore, early Saturday morning, Charlie crouched in a lookout with his gun by his side, and watched for the creature. After shivering in the damp for an hour and a half, he sighted a big red fox sneaking slowly along.

One blast from the gun felled the fox. A better job of fattening could not have been done in captivity.

Jim Taylor, a veteran mink and muskrat trapper and skin tanner, was the one to gain, as Charlie gladly presented to him the fox, which Jim quickly skinned.

Mr. W. W. Reed and family, of Northfork, W. Va., spent the Easter holidays here at their country home, the old Wilson place.

From Monterey came Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carson and Jamie Kay on Thursday to spend their Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson.

Word has been received that the condition of Mr. Ernest Carson, a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg, has somewhat improved.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Covington on Easter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington, Ida Virginia Covington, and Mr. Kenneth Doss, of Appomattox. Other recent guests in this home were Mr. C. S. Rosser and William.

On Thursday, Carl Glover arrived at his home from Korea. He has completed his tour in the service, and will work here with his father, Mr. Agee Glover, a dairyman.

Mrs. Harriet Charlton, of Washington and Lt. and Mrs. George J. Glass, of Dover, Del., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore Other guests during the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Fore, Jr., and son, of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McClinton, of Lynchburg; Mr. E. C. Rogers, of Appomattox, and Mr. R. L. Rogers, of Hopewell.

Mrs. R. E. Fore spent several days last week at Appomattox with her uncle, Mr. N. S. Topping.

Rocks

Rocks, April 8.- Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson, of Route 1, Pamplin, Va., will have been married 61 years on Sunday, April 13.

Rocks, April 7.- The people are really hoping for some pretty spring weather soon. The wet weather has retarded all farm and garden work.

The Sunrise Service was well attended Sunday morning. A few visitors came to worship with us, in spite of the rain.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting her cousin, Mrs. P. B. Young, Sr., of Farmville awhile last Monday night.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Roach.

The home demonstration club held its April meeting with Cassie Baldwin on last Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone, Jr., and Tommy, of Norfolk, arrived on Friday night to spend the week-end with Mrs. D. R. Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Tobey Inge and family.

Pfc. Lewis Harris arrived at his home here Saturday night, after spending six weeks in training in Puerto Rico.

The Young People took over during Sunday School hour on Sunday morning and again that night at the Training Union and the preaching service.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shelton left Friday afternoon late to spend Easter with relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Glover, of Crewe were visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence Richardson on last Tuesday.

Miss Louise Ranson, of Phillips Business School in Lynchburg, spent the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson.

Miss Ruby Richardson was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Richardson Tuesday night.

PROTECTIVE COATINGS PROTECT HOUSE PLANTS

Household plants can be brightened up by use of protective coatings, similar to furniture polish or wax, says A. S. Beecher, associate horticulturist at VPI.

These coatings, sold under various trade names, form a smooth, glossy finish on flowers and plants. The finish does not attract dust and usually doesn't injure living plants, Beecher says.

Rubs and sprays are the most popular for home use. About one dollar's worth of the material will cover most of the house.

In addition to keeping well-cared for, protect foliage that For instance, appea cut flowers exposed can be brightened prolonged.

Do not use mine oil, cream or butter plants. These leave which attracts dust or near relatively tures may injure pla

Be careful when t to let excess amount into the soil. Root result.

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